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In today's world, your library is a unique place because it provides a diverse collection of books, periodicals, and recordings; a wide variety of personal services; Internet access; one-stop "shopping" for information; education and self-help!

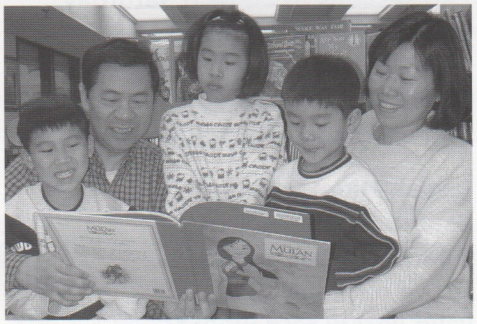
Your library has countless resources for people of all ages, in many languages, and for all walks of life. The Library's reference staff can help you find the right answers from the right sources at the library.

Have you ever been frustrated by having to backtrack countless times in a search for a reliable website? Are you wasting time checking out multiple links in an attempt to find specific data?

A great time-saver to use is the Library's website, www.webrary.org. In November, our website reached a milestone: one million hits! Hundreds of links have been evaluated by our librarians to ensure that the information you need is easily accessible. Plus, you have access to five Online Book Clubs by clicking on the icon located on the Library's home page.

Throughout this newsletter, you'll find many examples of computer technology, such as the new automation system, online reference databases, and MatchBook, a personalized service that matches your interests with the newest materials in the Library's collection. In addition to the electronic services, the Library provides classes on how to use computers (see page 2). Come in and get connected at your Library!

Families Read Together



The Lee Family enjoys *Mulan*. Share your family's favorite books with others and we'll make you celebrities at the Library! See page 4 for more information.

Jesse White Tumbling Team to Perform

Mark your calendars now: The internationally known Jesse White Tumbling Team will perform in the Baxter Room at **2:00 pm on Saturday, February 17th**. The Tumblers are youngsters, aged 6 to 22, whose acrobatic performances are frequently seen on halftime shows for nationally televised sports events, in parades, and at other feature programs. Come to the Library to see this incredibly talented group of tumblers.

Seating is limited. Tickets will be available at the Children's Department Desk beginning February 10.

Expanded Reference Services at Home

What if you need to do some library research at midnight or at 6 am? With the Morton Grove Public Library's expanded collection of online reference databases, you can! Use your computer to view this wonderful array of resources, all available to Morton Grove cardholders through the Library's Web site: www.webrary.org/ref/remotedb.html. Simply provide the number from your MGPL library card and you'll have access to a collection of general interest, business, and health-related databases, including these new services:

• **The Encyclopedia of Life Sciences,** with over 1500 full-text articles on topics in 15 different fields of biology and other life sciences.

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Word 2000: A Two-Part Presentation

Start off the new year with a two-part class on how to use Word 2000, one of the most popular word processing computer programs. Jennifer Didier will present this two-part lecture/demonstration using a computer image projected on a screen. **Part 1 will be held Saturday, January 27 at 10:00 am and Part 2 will be the following Saturday, February 3 at 10:00 am**. Note: this is not a hands-on class. The presentations will cover Word basics: entering text, file, and save commands; navigating in a document, editing techniques, paragraph formatting, introduction to tabs and tables, page appearance, and tools and printing.

Registration: Seating is limited. Priority for registration is given to Morton Grove residents with a valid library card. Registration applies to both sessions; no separate registration will be taken for the second session. Non-residents may sign up on a waiting list and will be notified by phone if there is space available. Beginning January 2, sign up at the Reference Services Desk or call 965-4220 to register.

Introduction to the Internet: A Two-Part Presentation

This introductory lecture/presentation by Jennifer Didier will cover: a brief background of the Internet, basic terminology, and the kinds of information available on the Internet. Using a projected image on the auditorium screen, participants will visit a variety of useful and interesting Internet sites using Netscape. The class consists of two sessions to be held **Saturday, February 10 at 10:00 am and Saturday, February 17 at 10:00 am.** Note: this is not a hands-on class and there is no tutorial component.

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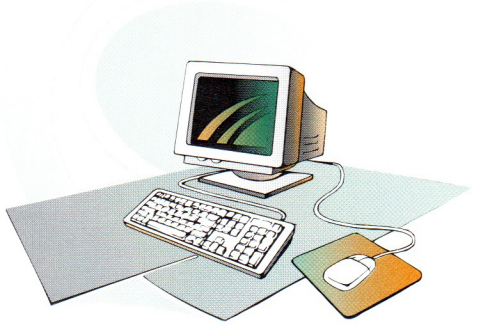

Online Book Clubs

There are now five free Online Book Clubs where you can read selections from a popular book in your daily e-mail. Monday through Friday, you will receive an excerpt of a chapter that takes only 5 minutes to read. If you enjoy the first 2 or 3 complete chapters on-line, and want to continue reading the book, you can check it out or reserve it at the Library. After you receive the first 2 or 3 chapters, you will start receiving a new book. Sign up by clicking on the Chapter-a-Day Online Book Club icon on the Library's home page: www.webrary.org.

Watch for the new links on the Library's home page: www.webrary.org.

Book Discussions

The Low Vision Book Discussion meets the second Wednesday of every month at 1:00 pm in the Board Room.

1/10: *Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver. A powerful story about Nathan Price, an abrasive Baptist missionary, who moves his family to the Belgian Congo in 1959, a time of political upheaval.

2/14: *In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex* by Nathaniel Philbrick. A fascinating tale of 19th-century Pacific whaling industry and seagoing adventure.

Thinking Out Loud
The evening book discussion group, *Thinking Out Loud,* meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month, January through June, September and October at 7:30 pm in the Board Room. The January 23 session will feature Anita Diamant's book, *The Red Tent*, and on February 27, the group will discuss *Blessed by Thunder: Memoir of a Cuban Girlhood* by Flor Fernandez Barrios.

NEW!

All Booked Up
Beginning January 25, a morning book discussion group, called *All Booked Up*, will be added on the fourth Thursday of each month, from 10:00 am until 11:00 am. The first book to be discussed will be *Amy & Isabelle* by Elizabeth Strout and, on February 22, the discussion will be about *Galileo's Daughter* by Dava Sobel.

MatchBook

A list of selected new materials at the Library can be sent directly to your home through a personalized service called MATCHBOOK available only from the Library. Stop at the Reference Services Desk to fill out a patron profile, checking up to 15 categories of new books, CDs, DVDs, videos, audiobooks or CD-ROMs that you would be interested in seeing.

Each month you'll receive a list of new titles in those categories plus reviews, a preview of upcoming bestsellers, reminders of programs and more! MATCHBOOK can be mailed directly to your home, or picked up when you visit the Library. For those living outside Morton Grove, there is a small charge for having the list mailed to your home.

Coming in 2001

The Morton Grove Public Library will be implementing a new computer system in March 2001. While our current system, in use since 1994, has served us well, the new system will use state-of-the-art technology and design to make searching the catalog both easier and more accurate.

The new catalog, called ***iBistro,*** will make it easy to search for and identify specific types of materials, such as CDs or videos, while expanding the options for searching the catalogs of neighboring libraries. Other new features include the ability to see reviews, synopses, tables of contents and book jackets of many items right in the catalog.

You'll also be able to use shopping-cart-like functions to collect matches from several searches for review or printing. And, because the catalog is entirely Web-based, you'll be able to take advantage of all these new features from your home or office computer any time of the day or night.

Watch for more information on ***iBistro*** beginning in February!

Babysitting Basics

Graduates of the November 2000 Babysitting Basics Class are shown below with their instructors from the Morton Grove Fire Department and Police Department. The next class will be held in May 2001. Watch for details in the next issue of *Books & Beyond.*

Left to right, standing: **Lt. Porter, Officer Yaras, Maria Powell, and Officer Tabor.**
Middle row, seated: **Jade Daugherty, Kim Bauer, and Jill Harris.**
Back row: **Rachel Stein, Jacky Liston, Arthur Pawelko, and Paul Latallo.**

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• **Facts on File,** a library of 32 online subject encyclopedias and reference databases, including *The Career Opportunities Library, Maps on File, Science Experiments on File, American Historical Images,* and much more.

More research treasures are found in the Webrary® Links (www.webrary.org/ref/weblinksmenu.html), the Library's collection of hundreds of valuable Web sites, including:

• **SparkNotes**: the free online alternative to Cliffs Notes® for hundreds of literature study guides, plus new study guides for many other high school and college level subjects, like math, history, and biology.

• **Bartleby.com**: the online way to search the contents of over twenty well-known reference books, including *Roget's Thesaurus, Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, Bulfinch's Mythology*, and *The American Heritage® Book of English Usage*.

• **Statistical Abstract of the United States**: hundreds of tables of facts and statistics about the American people and their government.

• **Occupational Outlook Handbook**: descriptions and predictions for the complete spectrum of occupations from the U.S. Department of Labor.

• **CIA World Factbook**, complete profiles of over 200 countries around the world.

• **Infoplease.com**, the library of online almanacs from Information Please®.

Watch for more Web-based reference services, available from your home or office computer, coming next spring!

Family Reading Night

The theme of Family Reading Night 2000 at the Library was picture books for older children and adults. Children's Librarian Joan Gross read *I, Crocodile* to some of the participants.

Getting Excited About Science

Saturday, January 20 at 2:00 pm, come to the Library and get excited about science!

Steve Belliveau delightfully combines his university studies with his skill as a magician to present a general science show that captivates all — a show that everyone can not only see, but understand and enjoy! Using dramatic demonstrations, humor, magic, music, and audience participation, Belliveau presents down-to-earth basic scientific ideas about air/water pressure, magnetism and electricity, friction, chemistry, simple machines, conservation of energy, sound, color, and temperature-molecule reactions.

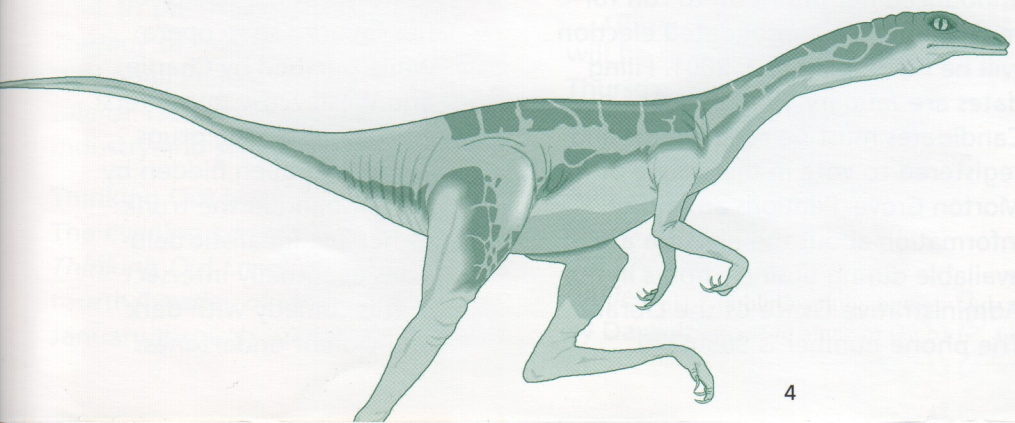
Seating is limited. Tickets will be available at the Children's Department Desk, beginning January 13.

Families Read Together

Parents, this is an opportunity for you to share with others all of those great books you and your children enjoy! Fill out a form and set up an appointment for your family to be photographed reading together. Your family's favorite books will be displayed along with your photo in the Children's Room. You will receive an 8"x10" copy of your family portrait and a photo bookmark for each member of the family. See the photo of the Lee family on page one.

Read for the Dinosaur Derby!

Dinosaur Team members are earning points for their teams while earning "Dino Dollars" to spend on cool prizes on sale in the "Library Store." Every Saturday a raffle drawing is held and two lucky winners may choose from an array of prizes on display in the Children's Room. The count mounts until the final tally on March 10, 2001.



CALENDAR

Children's Classes

Winter session will begin the week of Jan. 8, 2001. There are still openings in many of the classes. Call to register.

Library Playtime

for 2½-Year-Olds & Parents
Thursday 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Preschool Storytime

Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten (please, no under-age siblings):
Wednesday 10:00 am
Thursday 6:45 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories 'n Stuff

Grades 1-2
Monday 7:00 pm
Class limit – 12

Arts & Crafts

Grades 1-3: Monday 4:00 pm
Grades 4-6: Friday 4:00 pm
Class limit – 15

Creative Writing

Please choose one of the following:
Grades 3-6
Wed. or Thurs. 4:00 pm
Class limit - 40

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Two teams, Park View and East Prairie, competed in the Battle of the Books for 4th, 5th and 6th graders in November and December. Scores are posted outside the Baxter Room. Battle of the Books for 7th and 8th graders will begin late in February.

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January

1/1	Mon.	Closed for New Year's Day	
1/2	Tues.	11:30 am	Lunchtime Videos
1/9	Tues.	11:30 am	Lunchtime Videos
1/10	Wed.	1:00 pm	Low Vision Book Discussion: *Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver
1/11	Thur.	7:45 pm	Library Board Meeting
1/15	Mon.	11:00 am, 2:30, 7:00	Feature Film: *Remember the Titans,* PG, 113 min.
1/16	Tues.	11:30 am	Lunchtime Videos
1/20	Sat.	2:00 pm	Getting Excited About Science: tickets required
1/21	Sun.	2:00 pm	Lyric Opera Lecture by Phillip Seward on *The Barber of Seville*
1/23	Tues.	11:30 am	Lunchtime Videos
1/23	Tues.	7:30 pm	Thinking Out Loud: Book Discussion of *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant
1/25	Thurs.	10:00 am	All Booked Up: Book Discussion of *Amy & Isabelle* by Elizabeth Strout
1/27	Sat.	10:00 am	Word 2000, Part 1: registration required
1/30	Tues.	11:30 am	Lunchtime Videos

February

2/3	Sat.	10:00 am	Word 2000, Part 2: registration required
2/6	Tues.	11:30 am	Lunchtime Videos
2/8	Thurs.	7:45 pm	Library Board Meeting
2/10	Sat.	10:00 am	Introduction to the Internet, Part 1: registration required
2/12	Mon.	11:00 am, 2:30, 7:00	Feature Film: *Nurse Betty,* R, 112 mins.
2/13	Tues.	11:30 am	Lunchtime Videos
2/14	Wed.	1:00 pm	Low Vision Book Discussion
2/17	Sat.	10:00 am	Introduction to the Internet, Part 2: registration required
2/17	Sat.	2:00 pm	Jesse White Tumbling Team: tickets required
2/20	Tues.	11:30 am	Lunchtime Videos
2/22	Tues.	7:30 pm	Thinking Out Loud Book Discussion of *Galileo's Daughter* by Dava Sobel
2/27	Thurs.	10:00 am	All Booked Up: Book Discussion of *Blessed by Thunder: Memoir of a Cuban Girlhood* by Flor Fernandez Barrios

Check out our complete calendar on the Web at www.webrary.org/inside/calcurr.html

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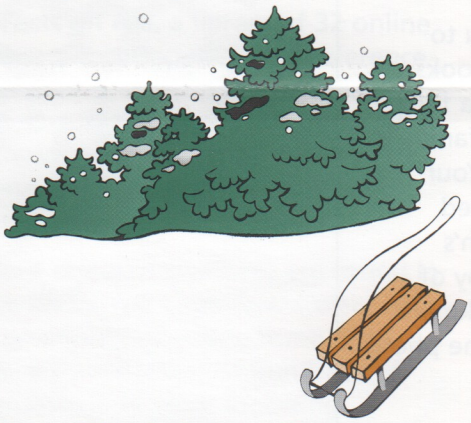
Norman and Sheila Slakter attended the Halloween Lunchtime Videos program in costume.

Lyric Opera Lectures

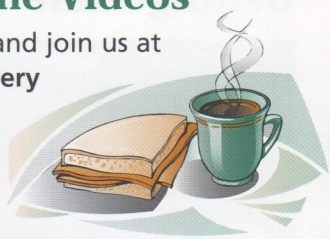
Everyone knows the famous call of, "Figaro! Figaro! Figaro!" as the Barber of Seville helps two young people in love. Phillip Seward, musician, musicologist, and composer, will discuss Rossini's opera, *The Barber of Seville*, at **2:00 pm, Sunday, January 21.**



Two Positions Open on Library Board of Trustees

The Morton Grove Public Library announces two openings for six-year terms on the Board of Trustees. Incumbent trustee Elinor Dahmer has announced her intention to run for re-election. The consolidated election will be held on April 3, 2001. Filing dates are January 15 - 23, 2001. Candidates must be residents of and registered to vote in the Village of Morton Grove. Petitions and other information about the election are available during business hours in the Administrative Office of the Library. The phone number is 965-4220.

Lunchtime Videos



Pack a lunch and join us at the Library **every Tuesday at 11:30 am** for Lunchtime Videos.

Travel to distant lands, tour historical and geographical landmarks, listen to thought-provoking discussions and entertaining performances during this two-hour program. Coffee, ice water and sweet treats are served. Each month, there is at least one special celebration of holidays, birthdays, or significant events.

FILMS

Remember the Titans
Rated PG, 113 minutes
January 15
11 am, 2:30 pm and 7 pm

Denzel Washington and Will Patton star as two football coaches at a Virginia high school who lead their team and their community through struggles with power and racism.

Nurse Betty
Rated R, 112 minutes
February 12
11 am, 2:30 pm, & 7 pm

This film is a complex story about two characters with parallel fantasies. Betty has blanked out the memory of witnessing the murder of her husband. She drives to L.A. in search of her fantasy lover, a doctor on her favorite soap opera, while pursued by Charlie and Wesley, the murderers, who are after the drugs which had been hidden by her husband in the trunk of her car. Idealistic delusions eventually intersect in this comedy with dark and violent undertones.

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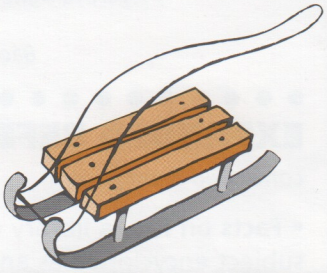

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